Mr. T. K. Kuruvila, Assistant Surgeon.

301. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state when Mr. T. K. Kuruvila was appointed Assistant Surgeon?

(*b*) Was he a volunteer in the Medical Department before his appointment as Assistant Surgeon, and, if so, where and how long?

(*c*) When Mr. T. K. Kuruvila was appointed Assistant Surgeon, was the period for which he was a volunteer included in his service?

(*d*) Is there any attendance register maintained for volunteers?

(*e*) Under what rule was that period reckoned as service?

(*f*) Has volunteering service been reckoned as regular service in the case of anybody in any department before this?

(*g*) What is the reason for this special favour?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 3rd August, 1923.

(*b*) Yes; in the General Hospital, for about 5½ months from the 19th November, 1922.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) and (*g*) The questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*f*) No.

Medical Officer in charge of the Out-patient Department.

302. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): With reference to the observation of the Darbar Physician that his instruction is that only new patients are to be examined every day by the senior medical officer in charge of the out-patient department, that the same patient is seen by the senior officer only once a week, and that on the other days the assistants look after those patients as they have only to repeat the medicines (*Vide* page 813, Vol. III, of the Proceedings of the Council), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the above arrangement mentioned by the Darbar Physician obtains in any hospital;

(*b*) if it obtains in the General Hospital, the names of the senior medical officers deputed for examining out-patients and of the assistants sent to help them; and

(*c*) whether the arrangement referred to by the Darbar Physician, has been given effect to on any day since Dr. K. Raman Tampi left that institution?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; in all hospitals, as far as practicable.

(*b*) The Senior Medical Officers are (1) Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai, Deputy Surgeon, and (2) Mr. Sankara Menon, Assistant Surgeon.

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